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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this in response to the latest lawsuit against Microsoft. The proposed settlement is apparently satisfactory to some states and individuals. Clearly, however it is unsatisfactory to many. I am dissatisfied that the business practices demonstrated and abused by Microsoft to gain their "lion's share" of the market have been penalized with what amounts to a slap on the wrist. I realize that in order to force a fair capitalist playing field, taking away the advantages gained by the clear violation of anti-trust laws would be difficult. I realize also that it would temporarily stagger a tech economy that is already struggling. But one of the main reasons that the tech economy is struggling is because of the illegitimate business practices of tech companies like Microsoft. The idea that Microsoft should be required to open up it's Windows OS source code to competitors and independent programmers is the best solution. This will not greatly impair the operation !

or profit scheme of the company. Microsoft's main profit comes from programs like their Office suite. The ability for other companies and programmers to see their Operatin System source code would serve to level the unfair advantage that they have gained through the monopolistic practices that the legal action addresses. Please do not cave to the economic and political pressure and do right by the people in this country that you are sworn to serve the interests of. Thank you for your time.

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-Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

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